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1. In May 1952 the Political Department of the general headquarters of the North Korean army was organized as follows:

Chief: PAK Hŏn-yŏng (2613/2009/3057).

Deputy Chiefs: Major General KIM Il (6855/0001)¹ and Major General PAK Ch'ang-ok (2613/2490/3768).

Organizational Instruction Office, chief: Major General PAK T'ae-sŏp (2613/3141/3610).

Propaganda and Agitation Office, chief: Major General PAK Ch'ang-ok. This office had a bureau for political education headed by a senior colonel, a bureau for agitation headed by a senior colonel, and a bureau for visual aid headed by a captain.

Party Instruction Office, chief: Major General Sŏ Hwi (1776/6540).²

Staff Member Office, chief: Major General YI Hwi-chun (2621/6540/0193).

Inspection Office, chief: a major general.

Anti-Enemy Operations Office, chief: Major General YUN Kong-hŭm (1438/0364/2953).

Democratic Youth Alliance Operations Office, chief: Senior Colonel T'AE Ki-hwan (1132/1015/3562).

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Cultural Office, chief: a senior colonel.

Accounting Bureau, chief: a colonel.

General Affairs Bureau, chief: a colonel.

2. In May 1952 the Political Department maintained political bureaus organized as follows in the following North Korean army units:

a. Corps:

Political Commissar.

Political Bureau, chief: a major general.

Political Bureau, deputy chief: a senior colonel.

Organizational Bureau, chief: a senior colonel; senior instructor, a colonel.

Information Officer, a major.

Propaganda Lecturer, a colonel.

Party Instructor, a lieutenant colonel.

Democratic Youth Alliance Instructor, a major.

Party Statistical Instructor, a major.

Party Statistical Officer, a colonel.

Propaganda Instructor, a lieutenant colonel.

Anti-Enemy Operations Instructor, a major.

Instructor for Political Staff Members, a lieutenant colonel.

Instructor in Propaganda Methods, a major.

Cultural Officer, a captain.

Document Section, chief: a major.

General Affairs Officer, a captain.

b. Division:

Political Commissar.

Political Bureau, chief: a senior colonel.

Political Bureau, deputy chief: a senior colonel.

Party Political Chairman, a colonel.

Party Organizational Chairman, a lieutenant colonel.

Party Statistical Instructor, a captain.

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Agitator, a major.

Democratic Youth Alliance Instructor, a major.

Information Officer, a captain.

Army Band, 28 men.

c. Regiment:

Political Commissar.

Propagandist.

Party Chairman.

Democratic Youth Alliance Instructor.

Clerks, two.

d. Battalion:

Political Commissar, a captain.

Propagandist, a senior lieutenant.

Party Chairman, a senior lieutenant.

Democratic Youth Alliance Instructor, a senior lieutenant.

e. Company:

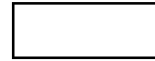
Political Commissar, a lieutenant.

Platoon Propagandists, two sergeants or privates.

3. The purpose of the Political Department was to keep all military personnel loyal to the people, the party, the republic, and KIM Il-song; to instill confidence of victory in the troops; to insure that the men will carry out orders from superiors promptly and accurately; to foster friendship between North Korean soldiers and the people of the world; to foster hatred of imperialism and the United States among the soldiers of the army; and to make all military personnel study military science and the record of the Soviet Army.
4. Privates, non-commissioned officers, and officers of company and platoon levels received political instruction twice a week, 2 hours each time. Officers of regimental and battalion levels attended classes on Marx-Leninism for 4 hours every 10 days. Officers of division and corps level had to study Marx-Leninism privately. Each class had an instructor and an assistant instructor.
5. On 3 August 1952, the main office of the Political Department was in Kwanghopsa Temple at the foot of Taesong-san at approximately YD-468287 in a one-story building 15 yards wide and 25 yards long. The department was staffed by 40 high-ranking officers, 5 staff members of the Korean Labor Party, and 5 North Korean justices and prosecutors. Eighty soldiers armed with 5 machine guns and 2 x 120-mm. anti-aircraft guns (sic) guarded the area. Several houses of government officials, including that of PAK Hon-yon, were about 700 yards southwest of the office building.

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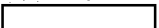



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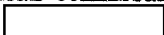
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1.  Comment. KIM Il was reported to be chief political officer for the North Korean army in July 1950  He was reported in the same position in May 1951 

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2.  Comment. Sŏ Hwi was reported political commissar for the North Korean army rear headquarters in May 1951 

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